SENATE BILL 755

By Gresham

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39 and Title 40, relative to criminal offenses and sentencing.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-522(b)(2)(A), is amended by deleting the subdivision in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

Notwithstanding title 40, chapter 35, a person convicted of a violation of this section shall be punished as a Range II offender; however, the sentence imposed upon such person may, if appropriate, be within Range III but in no case shall it be lower than Range II.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.